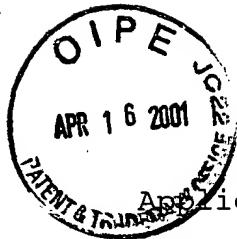


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## AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 19, 2001, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks. A replacement claim is presented below, and the marked-up claim amendment is attached on a separate sheet at the end of this Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the previous claim 10 with the following

claim:

~~10. (Amended) The glide head of claim 2 wherein the thermal transducer extends substantially from the front edge of the glide head to the rear edge of the glide head.~~

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 18-22 remain for consideration. Claim 10 was amended to correct a minor inconsistency in the terminology. Glide head and slider are used to describe the element for examining disc surface smoothness. See, for example, page 4, lines 9-12 of Applicants' specification. In claim 10, "slider" was replaced with "glide head" for consistent use of glide head in the